

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2255

2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

4 on _____)

5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Hodges)

6 A BILL to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to review its
7 regulations that impact licensed providers and identify reforms that increase efficiency, reduce
8 redundancy, and decrease regulatory burdens on providers.

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) shall
11 review its regulations that impact providers licensed by the Department in order to identify reforms to
12 increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and decrease regulatory burdens on providers. This review shall
13 include consideration of how relief from licensing requirements may be authorized for providers that are
14 accredited by recognized national accreditation bodies. The Department shall also consider adjustments
15 to the frequency of licensing inspections for providers with triennial licenses that have had no health or
16 safety violations or complaints for the previous year. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders
17 to conduct this review and shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on
18 Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1,
19 2023.

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